

Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Stationary Source Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

*This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at [www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas](http://www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas)*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. **Opening Comments:** Stationary Source Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Ken Carlson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Chairperson Ken Carlson.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D Conference Room, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Directors Gabe Quinto and Steve Young.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Office of Alameda County Supervisor Lena Tam, 103 Callan Ave., Suite #103, San Leandro, CA 94577): Director Lena Tam.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Santa Rosa Junior College Campus, Doyle Library, Room 148, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401): Vice Chairperson Lynda Hopkins.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location: (Pittsburg City Hall, 301A City Manager's Office, Mayor/Council Conference Room, 65 Civic Ave. – 3rd Floor, Pittsburg, CA 94565): Director Dionne Adams.

Absent: Directors Brian Colbert, John Gioia, and Rico Medina.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STATIONARY SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2025**

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

None.

#### **Committee Action**

Director Tam made a motion, seconded by Director Young, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Stationary Source Committee meeting of March 12, 2025; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Carlson, Hopkins, Quinto, Tam, Young.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Adams, Colbert, Gioia, Medina.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **4. REFINERY FLARING MINIMIZATION OVERVIEW**

Robert Cave, Senior Air Quality Engineer, gave the staff presentation *Refinery Flaring Minimization Efforts*, including: what is a flare system; when do flares occur; current rule requirements; other jurisdictions; Bay Area flaring trends; impetus; potential rule concepts; current status of rule development efforts; and next steps.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed the difficulty in predicting and limiting the frequency of “emergency” flares per year at a given facility; the reason for the increase of flaring events and vent gas volume in refineries located in Martinez in 2023; the success of the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD) rules regarding control of emissions from refinery and non-refinery flares; and the suggestion that the Air District focuses on public outreach regarding flaring for fenceline communities.

## Committee Action

No action taken.

### **5. POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO RULE 9-6**

Jennifer Lam, Manager in the Rules and Strategic Policy Division, gave the staff presentation *Potential Amendments to Rule 9-6*, including: building nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions overview; health benefits overview; upcoming implementation timelines; interim Board requirements; remaining challenges to be addressed; Potential amendments to address remaining challenges – alternative compliance plans by installation (Option 1), outlining specific installation types (Option 2), fee structure for manufacturer sales (Option 3); next steps - combination of solutions; additional considerations; and next steps.

## Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jared Manning, Burlingame resident; Sam Fishman, San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association; John McKenna; Tony Sirna, Evergreen Action; Tom Kabat, Menlo Park resident; Fernando Gaytan, Earthjustice; David Moeller, Marin/Sonoma Building Electrification Squad; Leslie Alden, Act Now Bay Area; Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; Angela Evans, Menlo Spark; Jed Holtzman, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI); Leah Catanzarite, RMI; Mary Dateo; Tim Frank, Construction Trades Workforce Initiative; and Wade Stano, Marin Clean Energy.

## Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed residential natural gas combustion trends and contributing factors to associated health impacts; whether the “Alternative Compliance Plans by Installation Project” option would require additional Air District staff; regarding the “Outlining Specific Installation Types” option, whether the Air District could delay finalizing equipment categories to allow the market/technologies to catch up; regarding the “Fee Structure for Manufacturer Sales” option, concerns about the anticipated loss of direct geographic control over distribution of zero NOx units; the comparison of death rates due to air quality issues versus those of other causes; whether any of the proposed options would include low-income communities paying fees to the Air District; the fact that the first and second options protect some renters from rent pass-throughs due to expensive upgrades; concerns about being able to ensure for low-income households; which entity would provide and then remove temporary emergency replacements installations for applicable homes; concerns that additional fees for manufacturers will be passed on to consumers; whether zero NOx units may be affected by tariffs, and where there are domestic manufacturers; whether Rules 9-4 and 9-6 should be mandatory or voluntary; claw backs on federal earmarks for just transition projects, and the suggestion that Air District staff provides the newest Board members a breakdown of Air District (as the recipient) funding sources and allocations; next steps for the Board or committees; whether the Air District is partnering with local governments’ building permit offices to offer exemptions to more challenging cases; whether the amount of time between anticipated adoption and implementation of SCAQMD proposal of manufacturer sales target of 30% zero NOx units by 2027 is feasible; whether median household income (and “low-

income” status) would be considered on a sub-regional level, within the Bay Area; and the suggestion of delaying the Rule 9-6 compliance date of 2027.

Committee Action

No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Public comments were given by Bob Brown, Western States Petroleum Association; Marilyn Bardet, Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program; and Kathy Kerridge, Benicia Community Air Monitoring Program.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Stationary Source Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
Marcy Hiratzka  
Clerk of the Board